

SENATE BILL 2338

By Black

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 3,  
Chapter 2, relative to legislation affecting  
business.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 3, Chapter 2, Part 1, is amended by  
adding the following new subsection:

Section 3-2-113.

(a) Upon the request of two (2) or more members of the general assembly, an impact note shall be prepared for any general bill affecting business. Such note shall include an analysis of the impact on business of such bill including, but not limited to, a statement as to the immediate effect and, if determinable or reasonably foreseeable, the long-range effect of the measure. The commissioners of the various state departments and any other state official shall provide such information and assistance as the fiscal review committee shall request for the preparation of the business impact notes in accordance with this subsection (a). Upon the request of the sponsor of an amendment to a bill on which a business impact note has been requested, the fiscal review committee shall prepare for the amendment sponsor a business impact note showing what effect the amendment would have on the statements made in the business impact note which applies to the bill. Business impact notes for general bills shall be provided not more than seven (7) days following the request of two (2) or more members and business impact notes for amendments shall be provided not more than twenty-four (24) hours following the request by the sponsor of an amendment to a bill on which a business impact note has been requested.

(b) No comment or opinion shall be included in the business impact note regarding the merits of the measure for which the note is prepared; technical or mechanical defects may be noted; provided, that the statement may include quoted comments or opinions of the commissioner of any department in an evaluation of the proposal.

(c) Any person or organization that seeks the enactment or defeat of a legislative proposal on which a business impact note is requested by this section may file an impact statement with the general assembly. Such statement shall have the name of its preparer and the name of the person filing it as may be provided in the rules of procedure of either house.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.